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Dear Howard,

This a.m. I had to talk to my friend Walter about something else. He had received my letter adding him to ask Jerry to get my CIA Foundations file and give it to Walter to get to me. Jerry refused, saying he has no responsibility. Walter tried to reason with him, saying why don't you just get in a cab, go get it and bring it to me? Jerry again refused. He said it was entirely between me and his friend known to me only as Linda. I have no idea how to get in touch with her, where she lives or anything else, as Jerry knows. Were Jerry's representation true, he knows I can't get in touch with Linda, for six months has been supposed to be getting her address for me or sending it to me, and for longer than that has been promising to get the file back and bring it. This dates to before he wrecked his car, and I think that was in the winter. Meanhile, he continues to profess only continuing love for me, etc. I think this came up not at the lunch they had three weeks ago, which Jerry seems to have spent in talking about this, somethingoxx of which Walter knew nothing, defending himself and what he did and saying it was no more than a simple misunderstanding. He also seems to have told Walter that he got these documents from the Archives. I presume it is possible he now has on his own. But we both know that he first got them from Gary. Assuming the correctness of Walter's recollection, we have more on Jerry's honesty. I think the occasion was Jerry's taking to Walter within the past couple of days a copy of his magnus opus on the Times. Walter told him without reading it there was little prospect, that there was no interest in the subject. If Jerry listened to this, as I doubt, he should have learned something. Something I have been saying to closed ears for a long time in a different and more meaningful way. Walter has made many efforts for me. When Dick Gregory's influence was meaningless, you can understand the situation better. Walter has seen these things and more and knows about them. But what kind of Jerry have we when he brings I think seven strangers here for a weekend, I don't know how to find any one of them, remember the first names of but two, as Jerry knows, Jerry says Linda can be trusted to card that file and she offers to, nobody else can reach any of them, and Jerry now says he has no responsibility. He also says that he suspects one of the people he brought is a spy!

Written before mail. Nothing else new. Best, HW